

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 2004705686.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1500387.008

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 30 June 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 30 June 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image on the file is from a website that specialises in sexualised images of prepubescent girls in studio poses. The child shown is naked apart from a frilled band around her waist and accessories such as fancy jewellery and hair ornaments. She wears professional make-up. The image focuses on her young face and immature genitals. It is clearly intended to appeal to people with a sexual interest in young girls. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest.

The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.